

Bulletin board

At the movies March 1-17

Baumholder, Wagon Wheel

March 1 — Lemony Snickets (PG) 7 p.m.

March 2-3 — Spanglish (PG-13) 7 p.m.

March 4-5 — Hide And Seek (R) 7 p.m.

March 6—Lemony Snickets (PG) 4 p.m.

Meet The Fockers (PG-13) 7 p.m. March 7 — Hide And Seek (R) 7 p.m.

March 8 — Meet The Fockers (PG-13) 7

March 9-10 — The Life Aquatic With Steve Zissou (R) 7 p.m.

March 11 — Pooh's Heffalump Movie (G) 7 p.m. Blade: Trinity (R) 9 p.m.

March 12 — White Noise (PG-13) 7 p.m. March 13 — Pooh's Heffalump Movie (G)

4 p.m. White Noise (PG-13) 7 p.m. March 14 — Pooh's Heffalump Movie (G)

March 15 — White Noise (PG-13) 7 p.m.

March 16-17 — Fat Albert (PG) 7 p.m.

Büdingen, Little

March 4 — Blade: Trinity (R) 7 p.m. March 5 — Flight Of The Phoenix (PG-13)

March 11 — Closer (R) 7 p.m. March 12 — Spanglish (PG-13) 3 p.m.

Dexheim, Rhein

March 4 — Meet The Fockers (PG-13) 7 p.m.

March 5 — The Life Aquatic With Steve Zissou (R) 7 p.m.

March 6 — Pooh's Heffalump Movie (G) 3

March 11 — White Noise (PG-13) 7 p.m.

March 12—Hitch (PG-13) 7 p.m.

March 13—Fat Albert (PG) 3 p.m.

Friedberg, Old Ironsides

March 3—Lemony Snickets (PG) 7 p.m.

March 4-5 — Racing Stripes (PG) 7 p.m. March 6 — Meet The Fockers (PG-13) 7 p.m.

March 10 — The Life Aquatic With Steve Zissou(R)7 p.m.

March 11-12—Coach Carter (PG-13) 7

March 13—Fat Albert (PG) 7 p.m. March 17 — White Noise (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Giessen, Skyline

March 1-2 — Phantom Of The Opera (PG-13)7 p.m.

March 4 — Flight Of The Phoenix (PG-13)

March 5—Spanglish (PG-13) 7 p.m.



Keanu Reeves and Rachel Weisz appear in "Constantine."



Team Zissou, led by Bill Murray (center), searches the deep ocean for the elusive jaguar shark in "The Life Aquatic With Steve Zissou."

March 6 — Ocean's Twelve (PG-13) 7 p.m.

March 8-9—Racing Stripes (PG) 7 p.m.

March 11 — The Life Aquatic With Steve Zissou (R) 7 p.m.

March 12 — Fat Albert (PG) 7 p.m. March 13 — White Noise (PG-13) 7 p.m.

March 15-16—Coach Carter (PG-13) 7

Hanau, Evening Star

March 1 — Spanglish (PG-13) 7 p.m.

March 2—Lemony Snickets (PG) 7 p.m.

March 3—Spanglish (PG-13) 7 p.m. March 4 — Meet The Fockers (PG-13) 7

p.m. Constantine (R) 9:30 p.m. **March 5** — The Life Aquatic With Steve

Zissou (R) 7 p.m. Constantine (R) 9:30

March 6 — Constantine (R) 7 p.m. March 7 — Meet The Fockers (PG-13) 7

March 8 — The Life Aquatic With Steve Zissou (R) 7 p.m.

March 9 — Meet The Fockers (PG-13) 7

March 10 — The Life Aquatic With Steve Zissou (R) 7 p.m.

March 11 — Man Of The House (PG-13) 7 p.m. White Noise (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.

March 12 — Fat Albert (PG) 7 p.m. Man Of The House (PG-13) 9:30 p.m. March 13 — Fat Albert (PG) 4 p.m. Man Of

The House (PG-13) 7 p.m.

March 14 — Fat Albert (PG) 7 p.m.

March 15 — White Noise (PG-13) 7 p.m.

March 16 — Fat Albert (PG) 7 p.m.

March 17 — White Noise (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Rhein Main, Gardens

March 2—Hitch (PG-13) 7 p.m. March 4—Blade: Trinity (R) 7

March 5 — Meet The Fockers (PG-13) 5 p.m. Hide And Seek (R) 7:30 p.m.

March 6 — The Life Aquatic With Steve Zissou (R) 7 p.m.

March 9 — Constantine (R) 7 p.m. March 11 — White Noise (PG-13) 7 p.m.

March 12 — Pooh's Heffalump Movie (G) 5 p.m. Fat Albert (PG) 7:30 p.m.

March 13 — Meet The Fockers

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March 16 — Man Of The House (PG-13) 7

Wackernheim, McCully

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Wiesbaden, Flyers

March 3 — Meet The Fockers (PG-13) 7 p.m.

March 4—Hitch (PG-13) 7 p.m.

March 5 — The Life Aquatic With Steve Zissou(R)7 p.m.

March 10 — White Noise (PG-13) 7 p.m.

March 11 — Constantine (R) 7 p.m.

March 12 — Fat Albert (PG) 7 p.m. March 17 — Elektra (PG-13) 7 p.m.

Wiesbaden, Taunus

March 1—Flight Of The Phoenix (PG-13) 7 p.m.

March 2—Spanglish (PG-13) 7 p.m.

March 3—Hitch (PG-13) 7 p.m.

March 4 — Meet The Fockers (PG-13) 7 p.m. The Life Aquatic With Steve Zissou(R) 9:30 p.m.

March 5—Lemony Snickets (PG) 4 p.m. Hitch (PG-13) 7 p.m. Meet The Fockers (PG-13)9:30p.m.

March 6 — Lemony Snickets (PG) 4 p.m. Hitch (PG-13) 7 p.m.

March 7—Hitch (PG-13) 7 p.m.

March 8 — Meet The Fockers (PG-13) 7 p.m.

March 9 — The Life Aquatic With Steve Zissou (R) 7 p.m.

March 10 — Constantine (R) 7 p.m.

March 11 — Fat Albert (PG) 7 p.m. White Noise (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.

March 12 — Fat Albert (PG) 4 p.m. White Noise (PG-13) 7 p.m. Constantine (R) 9:30p.m.

March 13 — Fat Albert (PG) 4 p.m. White Noise (PG-13)7 p.m.

March 14 — Constantine (R) 7 p.m.

March 15—Fat Albert (PG) 7 p.m.

March 16 — White Noise (PG-13) 7 p.m. March 17 — Man Of The House (PG-13) 7

Movies and times subject to change by local theaters. For the most up-to-date schedule visit the ASG's website (see address below).

Movie plots

Constantine (R) — Based on the "Hellblazer" comic book, this is the story of supernatural detective John Constantine (Keanu Reeves) who has literally been to hell and back. When Constantine teams up with policewoman Angela Dodson (Rachel Weisz) to solve the mysterious suicide of her twin sister their investigation takes them through a world of demons and angels.

The Life Aquatic With Steve Zissou (R)

 Oceanographer Steve Zissou (Bill Murray) and his crew set sail on an expedition to hunt down the elusive jaguar shark that killed Zissou's partner during the documentary filming of their latest adventure. They are joined on their voyage by a young airline copilot who may or may not be Zissou's son (Owen Wilson), a beautiful journalist (Cate Blanchett) and Zissou's estranged wife and co-producer, Eleanor (Anjelica Huston).

Hitch (PG-13) — As a tactical adviser who specializes in guiding reluctant pairs, Hitch (played by Will Smith) has been responsible for hundreds of New York City weddings. Eva Mendes costars as Sara, a gossip reporter who, after a chance meeting with Hitch, finds her professional life and personal life on a collision course.

Meet The Fockers (PG-13) — Now that Greg Focker (Ben Stiller) is "in" with his soon-to-be father-in-law, Jack (Robert De Niro), it looks like smooth sailing for him and his fiancee, Pam (Teri Polo) in this sequel to "Meet The Parents." But that's before Pam's parents meet Greg's parents, the Fockers.

Pooh's Huffalump Movie (G) — Awakened by a rumbling that could only be made by the much-feared Heffalump, the Hundred Acre Wood crew sets out to catch the dreaded creature. Disregarded as too young to partake in such a dangerous expedition, Roo opts to search on his own in this animated Disney feature.

Hide And Seek (R)—Ann (Daryl Hannah) and Jack (Bruce Greenwood) are a happily married couple; however, their story book life is abruptly rewritten when a deranged couple (Jennifer Tilly and Vincent Gallo) kidnaps Ann as part of an evil scheme to steal her unborn child.

Spanglish (**PG-13**) — Adam Sandler, Tea Leoni and Paz Vega play a successful Los Angeles chef, his wife and their housekeeper in this social comedy that examines the fault lines of culture and morality in an upper middle-class home.

Lemony Snickets (PG) — Based on the bestselling book series, the "Snicket" saga revolves around a trio of orphans who find themselves fobbed off on a series of odd people. The recurring villain is a distant family relative named Count Olaf. Stars Jim Carrey, Meryl Streep and Jude Law.



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222nd BSB Baumholder **Idar-Oberstein** Neubrücke

284th BSB Giessen • Friedberg **Bad Nauheim Butzbach • Wetzlar**

414th BSB Hanau Gelnhausen Büdingen

Kastel Klub

A St. Patrick's Day Party will be held March 17 from 6 p.m. to midnight. May the luck of the Irish be with you during the drawings for prizes. Enjoy a free buffet with cake and green beer. Tap your feet to the beat of Irish music. The Kastel Klub is located in Building 4019 in Mainz-Kastel. Call mil 334-2903 for details.

Cappuccino Casino

A St. Patrick's Day celebration will be held March 17. Enjoy drink specials during the festivities. The Cappuccino Casino is located in Building 7762 at the Wiesbaden Shopping Center. Call civ (0611) 763 7627 for more information.

Dexheim Library

A "lucky four-leaf clover hunt" will be held March 17 at 11 a.m. This event is held in conjunction with the Child Development Center. Dexheim Library is located in Building 6320 on Anderson Barracks in Dexheim. Call civ (06133) 69-210 for details.

Rolling Hills Golf Course

A "Luck-O-Irish Sale" will be held March 17. Purchase any product and get a secret ballot for savings from 10-25 percent off. Sale is for retail merchandise only. Other prizes include individual golf passes. Rolling Hills Golf Course is located in Building 8085 on Wetzel Barracks in Baumholder. Call civ (06783) 66156 or mil 485-6156 for details.

Rudy's Bar and Grill

A St. Patrick's Day Dinner Special will be held March 17 from 6-8 p.m. Corned Beef with cabbage and boiled potatoes will be served for \$5.95. Green beer will be available. Enjoy games and prizes throughout the night. Rudy's Bar and Grill is located in Building 9032 on Strassburg Kaserne in Baumholder. Callciv (06781) 41166 ormil485-8602 for details.

104th ASG Job Fair

Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Rheinlander Convention Center in Building 8085 on Smith Barracks in Baumholder. Bring resumes and be prepared for an interview. Call mil 485-6566 or mil 322-1630 for details.

Miller Hall Fitness Center

A St. Patty's Day Invitational Basketball Tournament will be held March 12-13. Price is \$200 per team, and 2004/2005 FIBA rules apply. Teams are limited to 12 players and two non-playing coaches. Trophies will be awarded to the top first, second and third place teams. Additional awards will be give to first and second place individuals. Sign up at Miller Hall Fitness Center in Building 40 in Giessen or Ray Barracks Fitness Center in Building 04 in Friedberg. Call civ (0614) 402-7201 for details.

Spare Time Lanes and Lounge

Wear something green and bowl for half-price on St. Patrick's Day March 17 (military attire doesn't count). Enjoy affordable "Green Drink Specials" all night or enter the contest for most creative and original outfit. There will be morning and evening judging. Spare Times Lanes and Lounge is located in Building 3628 on Ray Barracks in Friedberg. Call mil 324-3270 for details.

Club i

A St. Patrick's Day Party will be held March 17 from 4-9 p.m. Enjoy specialty Irish drinks, Guinness and Bailey's Irish Cream or feast on Irish stew. Prize awarded to the participant with the most green in his or her clothing and best Irish joke. Club i is located in the Community Activity Center in Building 1355 on Fliegerhorst Kaserne in Erlensee. Call civ (06183) 51-7509 or mil 322-7509 for details.

104th ASG Job Fair

A Job Fair will be held every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Kid's Korner. Bring your resume and come prepared to have an interview and possibly a tentative job offer. Kid's Korner is located in Building 552 at Hanau's Wolfgang Shopping Center. Stop by Hanau's NAF Personnel Office in Building 1204 on Yorkhof Kaserne call civ (06181) 88-1630 or mil 322-1630 for more information.

Non-Appropriated Funds employment listings



An exception to the dual pay and employment provision has been approved for NAF employees appointed to the following positions: Child and Youth Program Assistant, Food and Beverage Attendant, Food Service Worker, Recreation Aid, Recreation Assistant, Clerk, Sales Clerk, Hotel Desk Clerk, Bar Assistant, Bartender, Food Service Worker, Custodial Worker, and Waiter. The exception permits full or part time GS, WG, DoDDS, NAF or AAFES employees to have a second NAF job on a flexible employment basis.

Civilian Human Resource Agency

www.chra.eur.army.mil

104ASG NAF Contracting Office

Postfach 901441 • 63423 Hanau Robert.Fornal@104asg.mwr.army.mil

Baumholder

Ausweiler Strasse 1 civ(06783)6-6566 or mil 485-6566

Giessen

U.S. Depot • Building 7 • Second Floor civ(0641)402-8618 or mil343-8618

Army Civilian Personnel Online

www.cpol.army.mil

Hanau

Yorkhof Kaserne • Building 1204 • Room 104;civ(06181)88-1630ormil322-1630

Rhein Main Air Base

Rhein Main Air Base • Building 350 mil330-6066/7620

Wiesbaden

Wiesbaden Army Airfield • Building 1020 • Room 122 • mil 337-5272

Child Development Centers

Immediate program assistant vacancies with Child and Youth Services. Hours are flex (0-40 hrs/wk), flex-20 (20-40 hrs/wk) or regular part-time (20-39 hrs/wk). Employees receive a 20 percent discount on child care fees, free training and opportunities for advancement, including raises for completion of required training.

Family Child Care Providers

Work in the comforts of your own home while caring for children. Utilize training for advancement possibilities and possibly even earn college credits or a Child Development Associate Degree. If this sounds like the answer to your employment dilemma, contact your local CLEOS office for more information.

Recreation Aides

Begin a rewarding career in exciting fields such as sports and fitness, automotive science, outdoor recreation, entertainment and more. These flexible positions range from \$7-8.42 per hour.

Child and Youth Program Assistants

This position is developmental starting at entry level (01) working and training to intermediate level (01) and upon completion of required training courses, promoted non-competitively to the target level (02). Duties are routine care-giving tasks: helping with materials and activities, receiving children, interacting with children and attending to the children's physical needs. Starting pay ranges between \$8.63-15.37 per hour.

Desk Clerk

If you have good communication skills, knowledge of basic math and are interested in customer service, apply for this administrative position. The pay ranges between \$8-8.24 per hour.

Cook

The Dexheim Bowling Center is now looking for a cook. This position starts at \$8.82 per hour. Applicants must be able to lift 40 pounds unassisted. Job duties include preparing and cooking food and operating a variety of kitchen equipment.

$Schools\ page-Partners\ in\ education$

Being prepared in Gelnhausen

Principal puts emphasis on communication, student achievement and security

By Karl Weisel

104th Area Support Group Public Affairs Office

The voice of Principal Essie Grant comes over the intercom system at Gelnhausen Elementary School.

"Code B," she announces, as teachers respond quickly gathering emergency "grab and go" bags (with first aid kit, flashlight and materials to keep students occupied) and lead students out of the building to a safe area on Coleman Kaserne well away from the school.

Although only a drill, Gelnhausen school officials, like their counterparts at schools throughout the Department of Defense Dependents Schools take emergency preparations seriously, and it was obvious by the well-ordered evacuation that students too understand the importance of staying calm in the case of an attack on the school or violent intruder.

"The scenario was a bomb threat," said Grant. "The teachers know what to do. Their job is to get the children out as quickly as possible. Today they went to the School-Age Services to get out of the cold."

After discussing ways to improve security and evacuation procedures with DoDDS and community force protection officials, members of the school got ready to practice the second stage of emergency procedures

after lunch. "This afternoon we'll have our lockdown," said Gelnhausen's principal.

"We'll make sure all our windows are covered, blinds are down and door windows are covered so that no one can look inside.

"Every school conducts one of these exercises during the school year," said Grant. "One of the things is to teach the children to recognize suspicious items and to report them to us. Another purpose is to identify any unknown person or potential terrorist coming into the school."

Referring to the tragic events at Columbine High School in Colorado, Grant added, "DoDDS really puts an emphasis on finding



Photo by Karl Weisel

Third-graders Artem Kucherekno (from left), Ben Pico and Corey Toler work on drawings at the Gelnhausen School-Age Services during a school evacuation drill Feb. 17.

ways to protect our children. The military has been very supportive. We're always looking for feedback on how we can improve force protection at the school. We have an antiterrorism force protection plan and we also have a crisis management team."

While honing emergency procedures was the main theme at the school Feb. 17, teachers and students have been enjoying a year packed with unique educational opportunities. Improving reading and communication skills, getting parents and other interested

> community members more involved in the school, and living up to the school's mission

statement of "preparing life-long learners to be responsible citizens in the ever-changing world" are all part of the daily experience at Gelnhausen Elementary, Grant said.

"We hold a principal's forum once a month," she said, aimed at improving communication between parents, teachers and students. "We talk about our mission statement and where we are with our school improvement process."

A school mentoring program is also aimed at strengthening the community partnership and encouraging academic success. "We

kicked off the program in January," said Megan Costanza, school nurse and mentor program coordinator. "This is a great opportunity for people who just moved here and might want to reach out and help students."

Soldiers, civilian employees and family members are welcome to serve as mentors who spend 30 minutes a week during the school day with a student helping improve reading skills, working on math and science, or simply building an academic plan. "We're trying to help our kids develop ways to achieve academic success," said Costanza.

Anyone interested in playing a vital role in a student's life by serving as a mentor should call the school at civ (06051) 13011 and ask for the mentor coordinator.

Costanza praised the support Gelnhausen Elementary gets from its partner unit — 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment. "Our partnership has been fantastic. The Soldiers have been so great. They set up events and read to the children," she said, describing events with 1-1st Cavalry support such as their holiday craft fair and upcoming field day to be held in May. "You can see that by the end of the day when they are involved they have a great time. They really enjoy themselves."

As students completed the evacuation exercise they were looking forward to celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday and Read Across America with a series of special events (*see Schoolbits on this page*), a Parent Teacher Association fund-raiser, Terra Nova testing (with a complimentary breakfast each morning courtesy of the PTA) and a celebration of National Nutrition Month.

Another regular highlight at the school is Student of the Month recognition whereby students who achieve high academic success and display exceptional responsibility in the classroom are singled out for special recognition, a certificate and a parent luncheon.

For more information about the many projects, teaching materials and more at Gelnhausen Elementary School parents are invited to visit the school's newly updated home page at www.geln-es.eu.dodea.edu or to simply drop by the school.

School bits

Wiesbaden Middle School

Teams 8A, 8B, 6A, 6B and 7B will conduct **student-led conferences** March 4 at the school. These are a chance for students to talk to parents about what kind of student they are, the kind of student they want to become and what type of help parents can provide. Students will review how they are doing in each class and share examples of their work.

Wiesbaden Middle School students will participate in **Terra Nova testing** March 14-16. Students are encouraged to get a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast. Testing will only take place in the mornings.

Read Across America

Gelnhausen Elementary School is celebrating Read Across America 2005 with various events including Seuss Trivia, crazy socks day March 1, hat day March 2, wear green day March 3 and dress up as your favorite character day March 4. From March 7-11 the school will feature McElligot's Pool set up in the school office area. Students, teachers and community members are invited to donate new or slightly used books to the "pool" to be donated to the child development center, Büdingen medical and dental clinics.

New superintendent

Lawanna H. Mangleburg will take over from Dr. Archie Bates as superintendent of the Department of Defense Dependents Schools Kaiserslautern District next school year when Bates moves on to assume leadership of the DoDDS Mediterranean District. Mangleburg now serves as the superintendent of the New York/Virginia Department of Defense Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools.

Parent-teacher conferences

Schools in the 104th Area Support Group will hold parent-teacher conferences on the following dates: Elementary schools — Dexheim March 3 and 4; Aukamm March 4; Hainerberg scheduled by request; Smith, Neubrücke and Wetzel April 22; Middle schools — Wiesbaden March 4; Baumholder, Giessen and Hanau April 22; High schools — Wiesbaden March 4; Baumholder, Giessen and Hanau April 22.

Naval Academy

High school juniors are invited to apply for the U.S. Naval Academy Summer Seminar 2005. There are three sessions from which to choose — June 4-9, 11-16 and 18-23. Cost is \$300 which covers room, board, meals, an Annapolis T-shirt and transportation costs (the academy can coordinate transportation from a Washington-area airport). Students get a chance to experience academy life, physical training, academy academics and see what a midshipman life's is like. For details email george.whitbeck@1983.usna.com or apply at www.usna.edu/admissions. (Stars and Stripes)



Focus on Gelnhausen

Elementary School

Photo by Pennie Allen

Dr. David Song from the Büdingen Dental Clinic examines Gelnhausen first-grader Anthony Thompson-Moore's teeth during a dental screening at the school Feb. 15.

Sports and leisure

By Donald Seltzer Special to the Herald Union

March 5-6 weekend

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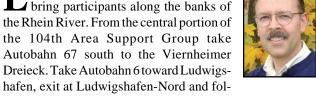
Take a hike

Start: Kultur- und Mehrzweckhalle **Saturday:** 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. (5 and 10 km) and 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (25

km) **Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (5 and 10 km) and 7 a.m. to noon (25 km) **Trails:** Shorter trails are mostly flat, 25 km is hilly; fields, local neighborhoods and some woods **Award:** From previous events.

Trier-Ehrang — Readers in Idar-Oberstein, Baumholder and Neubrücke will find this Sunday-only event on their side of the 104th ASG. Wanderers will walk in the area surrounding Germany's oldest city of Trier. Head toward Autobahn 1; connect from Baumholder at the town of Freisen, from Idar-Oberstein, pick it up at Neubrücke by using B-41. Trier-Ehrang has its own exit off of Autobahn 602 as drivers approach Trier. Watch carefully for IVV directional signs.

Start: Turnhalle in the Trier suburb of Ehrang Sunday: 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (5 and 10 km) and 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) Trail: Expect hilly trails, woods and fields Award: Model truck.



low IVV signs to the start. From Mainz, head south on Autobahn 61 to pick up Autobahn 6 eastbound and, as above, exit at Ludwigshafen-Nord.

Start: Gemeinschaftshaus in the Ludwigshafen suburb of Pfingstweide **Saturday and Sunday:** 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (5, 10 and 20 km) **Trails:** Flat, mostly stroller-friendly fields and riverbank trails **Award:** Porcelain egg.

Weekend of March 12-13

Simmern/Hunsrück — This walk is in the Hunsrück region west of Bingen, one of Germany's prettiest areas. Take Autobahns 60 and 61 and the Rheinböllen exit, then pick up B-50 toward Kirchberg and Simmern. An unnumbered road will be used for the final mile or so to Simmern. From Idar-Oberstein use B-41, B-421 and B-50 to reach the start.

Start: Hunsrückhalle Saturday: 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. (5 and 10 km) and 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (20 km) Sunday: 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (5, 10 and 20 km) Trails: Hilly, woods and fields Award: Child's backpack Note: Historic city wandering departs at 11 a.m.

Weekend of March 19-20

Crolsheim—Grolsheim is just south of Bingen and easily reached. Use Autobahn 60 to pick up B-50 at Bingen, head south toward Bad Kreuznach and follow IVV signs to the start. From Wiesbaden and Mainz, use the St. Goar exit of A-60 to pick up B-9, then the Gensingen exit to connect with B-50.

Good Friday to Easter Monday

Hünfelden-Ohren—This walk is west of Bad Camberg on the northern edge of the Naturpark Rhein-Taunus. Use the Bad Camberg exit of Autobahn 3 to pick up unnumbered roads to Beuerbach and Ohren.

Start: Gemeinschaftshalle am Sportplatz **Friday:** 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. (6 and 10 km) and 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. (20 km) **Trail:** Fairly hilly, woods **Award:** From previous events.

Weekend of March 26-27

Imr-Sulzbach — This scenic walk is just down the road from Idar-Oberstein. From Idar-Oberstein use B-41 toward Bad Kreuznach to reach the start at Kirn-Sulzbach. From Wiesbaden use Autobahn A-60 to Bad Kreuznach and continue west on B-41.

Start: Gasthaus Collet Saturday: 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (5 and 10 km) and 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (20 km) Sunday: 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (5, 10 and 20 km) Trail: Hilly, fields and woods Award: Nutcracker.

Sports shorts

Civilian Fitness Program

Civilians interested in getting in shape during duty hours should consider enrolling in the Civilian Fitness Program. The one-time enrollment opportunity offers civilian employees to be excused from work for three one-hour sessions a week for six months. Open enrollment will be held in Hanau March 2 and March 3 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pioneer Fitness Center, in Wiesbaden March 14 and 15 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Tony Bass Fitness Center, in Dexheim March 15 from 3-4 p.m. at the Dexheim Fitness Center, in Giessen March 10 and 11 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Miller Hall Fitness Center and in Baumholder March 29 and 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hall of Champions. Employees are welcome to attend any one of the above open enrollment dates in any base support battalion.

Volleyball Tournament March 12-13

Baumholder's Mountaineer Fitness Center holds a pre-season Volleyball Tournament March 12-13 at 6 p.m. Call mil 485-6671.

Giessen Aerobathon March 5

Giessen's Miller Hall Fitness Center holds its fifth annual Aerobathon March 5. The free event will feature door prizes, refreshments, aerobics classes, blood pressure screening and more. Call mil 323-7201.

More Miller Hall action

Giessen's Miller Hall will be the site of a **St. Patty's Day Invitational Basketball Tournament** March 12-13, a pre-season **Unit Level Volleyball Tournament** March 16-18 and the **U.S. Forces Europe 2005 Junior Cheerleading Championship** March 19. Call mil 343-8206 for details.



Photos by Gene Knudsen

Going for gold

Wiesbaden's Chad
Abramson puts away
Würzburg's Jim Curtis on his
way to a gold medal in the
189-pound weight class at
the DoDDS European
Wrestling Championships in
Wiesbaden Feb. 19. Photo
left: Wiesbaden senior Tony
Gagnon disposes of
Michael Lafuente, his
Naples quarterfinal, 145pound competition, on his
way to gold. Gagnon was
voted Outstanding Wrestler.

Sports and leisure

Fighters keep fans fired up in Fliegerhorst

Eleven actionpacked bouts at Black History Month tourney

Story and photos by Karl Weisel 104th Area Support Group Public Affairs Office

Fight fans got their money's worth at Fliegerhorst Fitness Center's 18th annual Black History Month Boxing Tournament Feb. 12.

From bout number one when Hanau's Scott Jones did his best to defend against Hanau Freigericht's Gueney Kucuk for three and a half long rounds before being retired by the referee — to the 11th and final fight of the evening, a super heavyweight match that only lasted 29 seconds, boxers demonstrated a wide range of skills and experience.

"It takes a lot of courage just to get into the ring," said Coleman Swinton, facility manager for the Fliegerhorst Fitness Center and the event organizer. "I really commend all of the boxers who came out tonight."

Swinton said that support by German boxing coach Gerd Wolf and his team of Freigericht fighters greatly added to the evening of ring sport. "I really want to give thanks to Wolf and all of his boxers and look forward to having them come out again."

The Freigericht team won the team trophy followed by Hanau in second place and Friedberg third.

A total of 27 boxers turned out for the Hanau fights. Five fighters, including Fabian Rosenfelder, Marc Hummel and Timur Tasdemir



Sasha Wolf (left) from Hanau Freigericht punishes Hanau's Thomas Gillespie in their super heavyweight bout. The fight was stopped after 29 seconds.

from Hanau Freigericht; Giebelstadt's Ivan Guzman; and Giessen's Malaia Vaiau, the only female competitor, went uncontested.

"We're in desperate need of young women to become a part of the boxing community," said Swinton.

Bout number two saw a determined Joseph Smallwood from Giebelstadt face off against Hanau Freigericht's Cifci Coskun. After opening a cut on Coskum's cheek and sending his opponent to the canvas in round two, Smallwood kept up the pressure until Coskum's coach threw in the towel to stop the fight and hand victory to Smallwood in round three of the middleweight contest.

Friedberg's Adam Martinez and Freigericht's Manuel Jaworowski traded solid shots for four rounds in bout number three of another middleweight match before Martinez's hand was raised in triumph following the judges' decision.

It only took 34 seconds for Hanau's Andreas Kunz to show he out matched Hanau's Travis Tipton in bout four. Referee Tony Lee stopped the bout giving the win to Kunz.

Bout number five saw Baumholder's Charles Jacquier

struggle against Freigericht's Pascal Galatioto. While Jacquier won a middleweight bout in Baumholder two weeks earlier and did his best to get in as many shots in as he could, Galatioto proved the more successful fighter winning by decision.

In the first light heavyweight fight of the night Hanau's Brad Gladbach overcame a trip to the canvas in round four to win a 5-0 decision over Freigericht's Gaetano Malannata.

Two Hanau boxers took the ring in bout seven gaining vocal support from the home crowd. For the red corner Ryan Cyr demonstrated his share of boxing know-how knocking Clyde Ryan down in the first round and sending Ryan to the medics in round two to have his arm examined. After getting the OK to continue, Ryan came back out only

to throw in the towel 30 seconds into round three.

Hanau's Christopher Jones claimed bout number eight after a hard punch to the chest of Büdingen's Jerrod McFarian. McFarian appeared to have a hard time breathing as the referee counted him out handing the win to Jones.

Freigericht's Vadim Ogorodnik won bout number nine versus Hanau's Joseph Tomlian. The referee stopped the contest in round two

And then came one of the evening's highlights. Friedberg's Alector Tavares battled Giebelstadt's Ian Jackson. Tavares, who won a decisive victory against Illesheim's Alein Lopez a couple weeks before in Baumholder, delivered a serious of punishing blows to Jackson's body and head before earning the win with an RSC (referee stopped contest) halfway through round two.

"We're hoping Tavarez will go all-Army," said Swinton, pointing out that Tavarez has only lost one fight — to Lopez, who he defeated in Baumholder.

"He's a good boxer, a good Soldier and a great, great guy," said his coach Ray Rivera, sports director for Friedberg Sports and Fitness. "He only lost one fight when he went from being a boxer to a street fighter. He learned his lesson from

that one. We're going to send him to all-Army and see if he's selected." (Editor's note: See page 17 for more on Tavares.)

A badly mismatched Thomas Gillespie from Hanau did his best to withstand a beating from Freigericht's Sasha Wolf in the evening's final bout before ring official Larry Goodman stopped the fight less than 30 seconds into round one.

"We're always looking for new boxers," said Rivera, explaining that fighters consistently meet the same opponents at bouts throughout U.S. Army Europe. "You can't force people to box; it's got to come from the heart."

Swinton praised the outstanding support he got from sports officials throughout the 414th Base Support Battalion, the Red Cross, health clinic, Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, Club i and other organizations for the success of the competition. Swinton also wanted community members to know about upcoming events including an indoor soccer competition at Fliegerhorst Fitness Center March 19, the opening of a paintball facility on Fliegerhorst Kaserne this spring, a powerlifting tournament in May and a boxing event at Cardwell Fitness Center in August. Read future issues of the Herald Union for details.



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Hanau boxers Ryan Cyr (left) and Clyde Ryan trade punches in their light heavyweight bout. Ryan threw in the towel in the third round.